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Uncertainties abroad may affect growth momentum at home: BB

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The Bangladesh Bank yesterday said the ongoing global uncertainties may have an adverse impact on the country's growth momentum and the inflationary situation.

"The overall growth momentum of the economy is expected to continue in the face of prompt policy initiatives of BB and the government," according to a Bangladesh Bank publication named "Quarterly".

The central bank releases the publication every three months, describing the economic indicators of the country in detail.

The inflationary situation in Bangladesh is anticipated to soften again on the back of an improved inflation scenario of the major trading partner economies.

"The overall growth momentum of the economy is expected to continue in the face of prompt policy initiatives of BB and the government."

But the outlook is subject to considerable uncertainties, which could emerge from the continuous unfavourable global developments, including the Russia-Ukraine war and the tight global financial conditions, the central bank warned in its publication.

The real GDP growth of FY22 exhibited a marginal downward revision to 7.10 per cent from the 7.25 per cent estimate in the midst of the combined risks posed by challenges to the post-pandemic recovery and the war-induced global uncertainties.

Given the recent macroeconomic developments, the government has revised the GDP growth target to 6.50 per cent, previously set at 7.50 per cent for FY23.

The BB thinks that inflationary pressure will ease further in the days to come.

Inflation in Bangladesh climbed to 8.78 per cent in February, breaking a five-month declining trend.

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MACROECONOMIC TRENDS

Shrinking fiscal space for lower revenue collection

Over-dependence on BB for budget deficit financing

Tight liquidity of banks amid deteriorating governance

Rising commodity prices at home

Balance of payments remains at risk

A drop in ADP expenditure

RECOMMENDATIONS

Raise tax-free income threshold to Tk 3.50 lakh

Increase minimum wage by at least 5%

Cut duty on essential commodities

Increase volume of essential goods sold thru OMS

Provide subsidised credit for agriculture

Continue stimulus for SMEs

Extend cash assistances for low-income people

Reduce the burden of capacity charges in power sector

Launch market-based tariff for power and energy

Find strategy to withdraw cash incentive for export

Introduce market-based exchange rate

Raise budget allocation for health and education

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Fahmida Khatun
Executive director of CPD

Contain risks from external, internal ‘storms’

CPD urges govt

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The budget for the next fiscal year should target containing risks stemming from global turbulence and the absence of discipline in macroeconomic management, good governance and reforms, said the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) yesterday.

Fahmida Khatun, executive director of the think-tank, described Covid-19 and the Russia-Ukraine war as the external storms while a lack of good governance as the internal storm. She also termed the absence of reforms and weak institutions as storms.

"Because of the storms, project implementation has become slower, jobs are not being created, corruption is rising and adequate revenue is not generated. If the risks can't be contained, the foundation of the economy would be weak."

She suggested strengthening the foundation in the budget to ensure macroeconomic stability and discipline.

Fahmida made the comments while speaking at an event titled "CPD's Recommendations for the National Budget FY2023-24" at her office in the capital.

Towfiqul Islam Khan, a senior research fellow of the CPD, said storms can't be stopped but preparation should be taken to face them strongly.

He said the government has ignored undertaking reforms and did not ensure good governance thinking that storms would never come.

Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director of the CPD, called for massive reforms since the storm is getting stronger. "Only implementing the

price falls in the international market, the prices should drop in the domestic market as well."

About the recent macroeconomic situation, the CPD said the government's fiscal space shrank due to lower revenue collection so it went for restraining public expenditure. Net foreign financing was lower

resulting in a drastic decline in foreign exchange reserves and a significant depreciation of the local currency against the US dollar," said Fahmida, while presenting a paper.

Exports grew more than 9 per cent year-on-year in the July to February period of the current financial year. But non-RMG exports declined 9.9 per cent. Remittance inflow grew by 4.3 per cent.

And the central bank will not have much room to pump foreign exchange and may not have any other option but to allow the local currency to depreciate as the ongoing pressure on the balance of payment is likely to continue, according to the CPD.

It said the government in the past tried to blame the war in Ukraine and the subsequent volatility in the global economy for the current economic situation. However, the crises accumulated over the years and were rooted in the weakness in domestic policies, lack of good governance, and inability to implement much-needed reforms.

The CPD projects that the revenue shortfall at the end of FY23 could reach Tk 75,000 crore and it may impact the implementation of development projects.

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conditions of the International Monetary Fund would not be enough to mend the economy."

He pointed out that the government is giving subsidies in the fuel and power sector mostly due to structural weakness.

For instance, most of the subsidy is being given in the form of capacity charge, he said, questioning the logic of raising in the power generation capacity sharply.

He said the prices of fuel and power should be market-based so that people bear the high prices when they rise globally.

"At the same time, when the

and saving certificate sales also dropped, forcing the government to increase its dependence on the central bank for the financing of the budget deficit.

Overall liquidity in the banking system declined by Tk 66,581 crore as the currency circulation outside banks increased by 24 per cent by the end of January of 2023.

In Bangladesh, inflationary pressure is still deepening though international prices of major imported commodities have recorded significant declines.

"The sharp deterioration in the balance of payment is

Yarn sale falls despite Eid and Pahela Baishakh

Demand for clothing declines amid high living costs

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

The sale of yarn for making the fabrics for domestic market has fallen in the peak season of Eid-ul-Fitr and Pahela Baishakh because of high prices of some basic commodities and for the high cost of living for consumers.

The fall in demand for yarn also resulted from an abnormal hike in gas and power prices which increased the cost of production.

Following the low demand and low sales, stocks of unsold yarn meant for making fabrics for the domestic market have been growing at the factory level.

Moreover, many small and medium entrepreneurs did not weave the fabrics ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr in bulk quantity as they thought that they will not be able to make a profit after paying higher gas and power tariffs.

"Usually, sales of yarn gained momentum way ahead of Ramadan in previous years. But this year the sale is still very low."

"As a result, the sale has been low until now," said Khorshed Alam, chairman of Little Group, which mainly produces yarn for the domestic market for making three pieces for women alongside lungis and saris.

"Usually, sales of yarn gained momentum way ahead of Ramadan in previous years. But this year the sale is still very low," he said.

Nearly 65 per cent of the yarn that he produced targeting the sales during Eid-ul-Fitr and Pahela Baishakh still remain unsold which is unusual compared to previous years.

Usually, the peak season of sales of yarn starts 45 days ahead of Ramadan and continues until the 10th day of Ramadan.

However, this time the sales are still low and only 35 per cent of yarn has been sold so far and the stocks are rising at the mills, said Alam, who is also the chairman of the standing committee on local spinning, weaving, dyeing and printing mills of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA).

He also partially blamed sales of cheap yarn from India and China for lower sale of locally produced yarn in the markets.

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STOCKS		
DSEX ▼	CASPI ▼	
0.18%	0.26%	
6,203.92	18,326.59	

COMMODITIES		
Gold ▼	Oil ▲	
\$1,946.00	\$70.70	
(per ounce)	(per barrel)	

ASIAN MARKETS				
MUMBAI	TOKYO	SINGAPORE	SHANGHAI	
▲ 0.22%	▲ 0.33%	▲ 0.82%	▼ 0.44%	
57,653.86	27,476.87	3,239.03	3,251.40	

Higher costs take a toll on tractor sales

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Tractor sales are in a slump as demand from farmers and brick kiln operators has waned amid higher fuel prices and vehicle costs due to the depreciation of taka against the US dollar, according to two leading dealerships.

The sale of tractors used for tilling cropland and carrying goods declined 12 per cent year-on-year to 5,304 units from 4,677 units during the July-February period of the current fiscal, said Subrata Ranjan Das, executive director of ACI Motors.

Other than tractors, sales of power tillers and diesel engines have also declined.

"We are seeing a lack of appetite in the field as price hikes for fuel and fertiliser have affected demand. Besides, the overall economy is under stress and this has impacted sales," he added.

Tractor usage in Bangladesh has increased over the years as the vehicle has

multiple applications, from tilling land to hauling goods, in both rural and suburban areas.

Tractor dealerships in the country sold 6,570 units in fiscal year 2016-17.

And by the end of fiscal 2021-22, total sales had risen 26 per cent to 8,285 units, according to an estimate by ACI, which markets India's Sonalika brand tractors.

Das then said demand for the vehicle started dropping in the second half of the last calendar year as prices rose 20 per cent due to increased import cost for devaluation of taka against the US dollar.

Taka lost 14 per cent in value against the greenback since June 30, 2022, shows Bangladesh Bank data.

The ACI official said construction activities have reduced significantly in the last three months, resulting in a decline in haulage.

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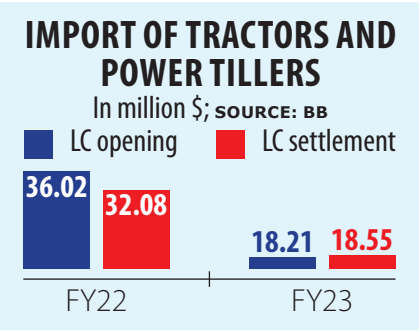


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While tractors can make life easier for any farmer or individual looking to till land or haul something heavy, dealerships are seeing slower sales as higher costs, including that of the vehicle itself, have lowered demand.

No shortage of products in markets

Says industries minister

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There is no shortage of products in the markets but problems remain in the supply of goods, said Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun yesterday.

"There is no problem in the production as products are seen adorned in the shops of the markets. That means there are no problem with production," he said.

"However, the problem persists in the supply of the products," said Humayun while speaking at a deal signing ceremony at the industries ministry in Dhaka.

The industries ministry and ICT Division signed the memorandum of understanding (MoU) to create a smooth supply chain system and ensure

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Mohammad Ali, managing director of Pubali Bank, attended an “Islamic Banking Window Managers’ Conference” at the bank’s head office in Dhaka recently. Mohammad Esha, deputy managing director, and Dewan Jamil Masud, Javed Hasan, Endra Mohan Sutradhar and Ajuba Khandaker, general managers, were present.

PHOTO: PUBALI BANK



Meheriar M Hasan, director of Brac Bank, inaugurated a sub-branch at New Market City Complex in Dhaka recently. Sheikh Mohammad Ashfaq, head of branches, and senior officials of the bank’s distribution network were present.

PHOTO: BRAC BANK



Adil Hossain Nobel, fashion model and media personality, inaugurated an Infinity Mega Mall at Time Square Shopping Complex on Ring Road in Shyamoli, Dhaka yesterday. Mohammad Junaid, chairman of Infinity Group, Nazmul Haque Khan, managing director, Naimul Haque Khan, vice-chairman, Shafiu Alam Chowdhury, honorary adviser, GM Rashedul Haque Mukul, executive director, and Sajjad Hossain, managing director of Time Square Shopping Complex, were present.

PHOTO: INFINITY GROUP



Actress Bidya Sinha Saha Mim, hands over a trophy to a winning dealer at a prize giving ceremony of the “Rong Star Season-2” competition organised by Asian Paints Bangladesh recently. Some 271 dealers of the company from across the country participated in the event and the national winner received Tk 1 lakh with a Rong Star trophy. Shahed Mohammad Yousuf, head of sales and activation of the company, and Nazmul Huda Naeem, head of marketing, were present.

PHOTO: ASIAN PAINTS BANGLADESH



Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director of Mutual Trust Bank, and Md Aminur Rashid, chairman of Edison Real Estate, exchanged signed documents of an agreement at the bank’s corporate head office in Gulshan, Dhaka recently over boosting home loan sourcing and engagement in marketing campaigns. Chowdhury Akhtar Asif, additional managing director of the bank, Md Khalid Mahmood Khan, deputy managing director, Ahmed Pasha, director of the real estate company, and Sahedul Karim Munna and Masud Alam, additional directors, were present.

PHOTO: MUTUAL TRUST BANK

First Security Islami Bank inks deal with Addie Soft

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First Security Islami Bank Limited (FSIBL) has signed an agreement with Addie Soft Limited over payment solutions.

Syed Waseque Md Ali, managing director of First Security Islami Bank, and Md Sakib Rabbani, managing director of Addie Soft, signed the agreement at the bank’s head office in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release.

Under the deal, students of more than 300 renowned educational institutions

will be able to pay their academic fees and others through the digital banking channel of FSIBL called “Cloud” and mobile financial service “First Cash”.

Among others, Md Zahurul Haque and Md Masudur Rahman Shah, deputy managing directors of the bank, Mohammad Musudur Rahman, head of alternative delivery channel division, Md Faridur Rahman Jalal, head of marketing and business development division, and Md Mushfiqur Rahman, head of ICT division, were present.

City Bank: a phoenix in Bangladesh’s banking

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It stopped branch-based lending and opening of letters of credit, and commenced retail banking, credit cards, and SME business.

“The story that ensued thereafter is known to all. A problem bank completed the first full centralisation of any older bank,” Arefin said.

A new logo, Citygem Priority Banking, City Alo Women banking, small and micro-lending, supply chain finance, and the country’s most popular digital banking app Citytouch were launched.

Two landmark events have happened in the bank since 2007.

City Bank acquired the full territorial licence of American Express cards

business, which now enjoys the largest market share in both credit card issuing and acquiring business.

The bank brought in the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a wing of the World Bank Group, to its board as the single largest shareholder.

The IFC nominated a woman American banker, who held a senior position in Merrill Lynch in the past, to the board of City Bank. She sits in the bank’s risk management committee too.

“The IFC reshaped the governance culture in the bank and also how we view women at the workplace and their careers,” Arefin said.

Another big achievement for the bank has been to maintain supremacy in corporate banking: it

handles 7 per cent of the country’s export and import finance.

It has financed 22 per cent of new power generation during the tenure of the current government, which came to power in 2009.

According to Arefin, ensuring good governance has been the key to the success.

“As a result, City Bank has become a brand in the banking sector.”

“People trust us. In the last two and a half months when deposits were withdrawn from a few banks, our core deposit grew by Tk 2,500 crore.”

The bank is continuously working to strengthen its brand image focused on corporate governance. That doesn’t mean only better

credit norms.

“The board stays away from the loan sanctioning process. None of the board members has so far requested the management team for one single loan to be approved.”

Default loans in the bank stand at 3.85 per cent and Arefin says there is not a single bad loan at City Bank in disguise of a good loan.

“Rather, we have kept additional provision of Tk 308 crore as of today in view of the ongoing economic uncertainty at home and abroad.”

He also touched upon the country’s ongoing macroeconomic situation.

He said the good thing is that Bangladesh’s current account balance was a surplus of \$220 million in

January 2023.

“This gives me hope that the dollar issue will get resolved by June.”

The local currency has depreciated by 25 per cent against the American greenback in the past one year.

“To make our expert competitive and bring more remittance that will allow us to do sufficient import, I think a depreciation of the taka by another 15 per cent or so should be on the card in the coming days.”

“The Bangladesh Bank governor is actively working on arriving at a uniform exchange rate determined by the market. So, we are hopeful to resolve the ongoing stress in the foreign exchange market soon,” said Arefin.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (MAR 27, 2023)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 75	0	3.85 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 46-Tk 50	-4 ↓	3.23 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 58-Tk 60	-4.24 ↓	54.79 ↑
Lentil (kg)	Tk 95-Tk 100	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 170-Tk 175	1.47 ↑	15.77 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 20-Tk 25	-4.26 ↓	18.42 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 35-Tk 45	23.08 ↑	6.67 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 45-Tk 47	1.1 ↑	29.58 ↑
SOURCE: TCB			



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e-Tender Notice: 01/2022-2023 (Re-Tender)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following package:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
01	807085	Renovation and refurbishment of classrooms, office rooms, Washrooms etc. including furniture at Govt. Syed Hatem Ali College, Barishal (Package No. w3)	10-04-2023 Time: 1:00pm (13:00)	10-04-2023 Time: 2:00pm (14:00)

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank’s branches up to 9 April 2023, 14:00.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Reference No. KMPI/Tender/2022-23-08 Date: 21-03-23

e-Tender/Re-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of goods.

SL No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of scheme	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing (date & time)	Tender opening (date & time)
1	804501	KMPI/Tender/22-23/GR-07	Supply and Installation of Digital Duplicator Machine	10-Apr-2023 16.00	11-Apr-2023 13.00	11-Apr-2023 13.00
2	804502	KMPI/Tender/22-23/GR-08	Supply of Raw-Materials & Spare Parts	10-Apr-2023 16.00	11-Apr-2023 13.30	11-Apr-2023 13.30
3	804503	KMPI/Tender/22-23/GR-09	Supply and Installation of Office Accessories	10-Apr-2023 16.00	11-Apr-2023 14.00	11-Apr-2023 14.00
4	804506	KMPI/Tender/22-23/GR-10	Supply and Installation of Education & Learning Materials	10-Apr-2023 16.00	11-Apr-2023 14.30	11-Apr-2023 14.30

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5	804519	KMPI/Tender/22-23/GR-02	Supply and Installation of RTK GPS for Civil Technology	06-Apr-2023 16.00	09-Apr-2023 13.00	09-Apr-2023 13.00
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Rupee does better than peers

REUTERS, Mumbai

The Indian rupee rose against the US currency on Monday, helped by likely dollar inflows and healthier risk, traders said.

The rupee last traded at 82.37 to the dollar, up from 82.48 in the previous session. The local currency held an 82.275 to 82.4250 range.

Meanwhile, other Asian currencies declined. The offshore Chinese yuan declined below 6.88 to the dollar and the Korean won and the Thai baht were down more than 0.5 per cent. The dollar index rose to 103.14.

“It looks like flows or expectations of flows in the last week of the fiscal year (boosted the rupee),” a trader at a private sector bank said.

“Having said that, it was a nothing kind of a session. It could simply be that after seeing near 82.05 last week, 82.40 looked good for dollar sellers.”

The rupee reached a high of 82.07 last Thursday on the back of a dovish 25 basis-point interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve.



GRAMEEN BANK-AIMS FIRST UNIT FUND
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The ‘Micro-Savers Special Purpose Growth Scheme’ of Grameen Bank-AIMS First Unit Fund, sponsored by Grameen Bank under management of AIMS of Bangladesh Limited, the pioneer private asset management company in Bangladesh, conveys utmost gratitude to valued investors for the successful completion of initial subscription with a collection of a whopping Tk151.88 crore. Though the initial size of the Scheme as per the Trust Deed was envisioned at Tk135 crore, including Pre-IPO Placement, Entitlement Offer and Public Subscription, in which the Sponsor’s contribution has been Tk100 crore, the Scheme has surpassed the target with spontaneous participation of all section of investors, reflecting confidence on the Asset Manager.

The Scheme was successful in collecting Tk21.30 crore through Pre-IPO Placement and Entitlements, which took the total to about 90% of the initially envisioned size of Tk135 crore. Thereafter, debunking the myth of perceived public apathy on mutual funds, the Scheme has collected further Tk30.58 crore through the IPO, countervailing the prevailing bearish market atmosphere. As such, the total Scheme size reached Tk151.88 crore. It is now open for further subscription.

The Vision of the Fund, the first open-ended Scheme under AIMS, is to achieve financial inclusion through the mutual fund vehicle by creating a reliable and affordable financial instrument for the micro-savers and middle-class cluster of the society and integrating them with the national capital market in a structured, caring and responsible way. Along with the growing risk averse retiree section of the community, institutional investors would also find the Scheme a safe sanctuary for predictable income stream and capital gains.

The maiden Net Asset Value (NAV) and Buy/Sale Price of the Scheme on the week ended on 23 March 2023 is as follows:

NAV PER UNIT IN TK (MARKET)	UNIT BUY IN TK	UNIT SALE/SURRENDER IN TK	DATE
10.42	10.45	10.35	23 March 2023

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Shahab elected KBCCI president

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Shahab Uddin Khan, chairman of Zeeshan Group, has been elected as president of the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI) for a two-year term. Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) President Jahangir Saadat has been elected as senior vice-president and LG Bangladesh Managing Director Ko Youngil, vice-president, MKP Designers Managing Director Million Park, secretary general, Woori Bank Country Manager Kim Dong Heon, treasurer, and Meghna Group of Industries (MGI) Chairman Mostafa Kamal, adviser, of the new committee respectively.



Onion yields have fallen by about half of previous levels so far in the ongoing harvesting season due to bad weather, including a short winter and low rainfall during the cultivating period. Here, trucks loaded with onion are seen leaving the Pushpopara wholesale market in Pabna sadar upazila.

PHOTO: AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU

Poor yields, prices cause concern among onion farmers

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Onion farmers in Pabna, the biggest producing district in Bangladesh, are not happy with the current market price for their crop while yields have also been unsatisfactory due to poor weather conditions.

With harvests now in full swing, the production of local varieties of onion has fallen by 30 to 40 per cent while yields of hybrid varieties are lower as well, according to growers.

However, sources at the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) say it cannot be said for certain if yields are lower this year before the final harvesting report is submitted.

"Last year, I harvested 80 to 100 maunds [one maund equals roughly 37 kilogrammes] of hybrid variety onion from each bigha," said Md Kamruzzaman, a farmer of Durgapur village in Sujanagar upazila of Pabna.

"This year though, I am getting just 50 to 60 maunds of onion from each bigha all because of the short-lived winter," he added.

Kamruzzaman cultivated around 80 bighas of onion, mostly of the hybrid variety, spending up to Tk 40,000 per bigha.

Other than reduced production, farmers are fretting over the poor market price as well.

"After harvesting, I sold 100 maunds at Tk 1,100 to Tk 1,150 per maund last week. So, I have stopped selling," Kamruzzaman said, adding each maund went for about Tk 1,400 at the same time last year.

The situation is more critical for farmers such as Abdur Razzak, who cultivated onion on leased land with the help of loans.

Razzak spent Tk 50,000 for cultivating each bigha but is now finding no way to repay the money borrowed due to poor production and market price of the crop.

Montu Khan, an onion farmer of

Ulat village in Sujanagar upazila, said he cultivated seven bighas of the local variety and three bighas of the hybrid variety.

"I got some 50 maunds of the local variety from each bigha last year but this year, I am getting only 20 to 25 maunds," he added.

Sources at the Pabna DAE say around 44,000 hectares of land in the district were brought under onion cultivation this year with an estimated production target of 7 lakh tonnes.

"But production has fallen due to bad weather, such as the short winter and poor rainfall, during the cultivation period," said Md. Rafiul Islam, agriculture officer of Sujanagar upazila.

"Onion harvesting begins in mid-March and we are getting some 17 tonnes of onion from each hectare whereas it was 18 tonnes last year," he added.

Md Idris Ali, a development officer of the Pabna DAE, said harvesting has progressed less than 10 per cent in the last few days.

"We will get the real picture on production levels after harvesting is complete," he added.

Traders at major onion wholesale markets in the region say that each maund of the crop is now being sold for up to Tk 1,200 while it was Tk 1,400 last year.

In addition, the excessive transport cost reduces their profits, according to Md Robiul Islam, a local wholesale trader.

"If the onion price does not increase, not only farmers but also traders will see huge losses," he added.

Md Saiful Islam, deputy director of the Pabna DAE, said the district plays a vital role in fulfilling onion demand across the country but not in controlling prices.

"Almost 30 per cent of the onion requirement is produced in Pabna but we have no price controlling capacity," Islam said.

"Also, the government has stopped importing onion, so we expect the onion price will increase soon," he added.

Yarn sale falls despite Eid and Pahela Baishakh

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The middle-income group of people, who are the major consumers, reduce the purchase of clothing items as they have to spend more money for buying food items, Alam added.

The lower sale of yarn also affected the production of saris, lungis and other zakat items in the major areas like Madhabdi, Shekherchar, Belkuchi, Narsingdi, Pabna and Sirajganj.

The weavers are also complaining that they might not be able to make a profit after paying at the increased rate of gas and power, said Alam, who also supplies fabrics for three

pieces for women.

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"This is concerning," said the CPD.

The ministries that fell behind in implementing projects included the education and health ministries. So, the think-tank suggested the government emphasise revenue mobilisation and implementation of development projects.

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Zakia Sultana, secretary to the industries ministry, and Md Shamsul Arefin, secretary to ICT Division, signed the MoU on behalf of their respective sides.

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The mobile financial service (MFS) provider is offering a cashback of Tk 100 on every Tk 10,000 received through Western Union into a bKash account, said a press release.

NCC Bank is acting as a settlement partner for this service. Customers can avail the cashback once a month until April 30.

"This strategic alliance enables the two companies deeply invested in innovation to continuously advance their respective

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Poor yields, prices cause concern among onion farmers

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, *Pabna*

Onion farmers in Pabna, the biggest producing district in Bangladesh, are not happy with the current market price for their crop while yields have also been unsatisfactory due to poor weather conditions.

With harvests now in full swing, the production of local varieties of onion has fallen by 30 to 40 per cent while yields of hybrid varieties are lower as well, according to growers.

However, sources at the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) say it cannot be said for certain if yields are lower this year before the final harvesting report is submitted.

“Last year, I harvested 80 to 100 maunds [one maund equals roughly 37 kilogrammes] of hybrid variety onion from each bigha,” said Md Kamruzzaman, a farmer of Durgapur village in Sujanagar upazila of Pabna.

“This year though, I am getting just 50 to 60 maunds of onion from each bigha all because of the short-lived winter,” he added.

Kamruzzaman cultivated around 80 bighas of onion, mostly of the hybrid variety, spending up to Tk 40,000 per bigha.

Other than reduced production, farmers are fretting over the poor market price as well.

“After harvesting, I sold 100 maunds at Tk 1,100 to Tk 1,150 per maund last week. So, I have stopped selling,” Kamruzzaman said, adding each maund went for about Tk 1,400 at the same time last year.

The situation is more critical for farmers such as Abdur Razzak, who cultivated onion on leased land with the help of loans.

Razzak spent Tk 50,000 for cultivating each bigha but is now finding no way to repay the money borrowed due to poor production and market price of the crop.

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Ulat village in Sujanagar upazila, said he cultivated seven bighas of the local variety and three bighas of the hybrid variety.

“I got some 50 maunds of the local variety from each bigha last year but this year, I am getting only 20 to 25 maunds,” he added.

Sources at the Pabna DAE say around 44,000 hectares of land in the district were brought under onion cultivation this year with an estimated production target of 7 lakh tonnes.

“But production has fallen due to bad weather, such as the short winter and poor rainfall, during the cultivation period,” said Md. Rafiul Islam, agriculture officer of Sujanagar upazila.

“Onion harvesting begins in mid-March and we are getting some 17 tonnes of onion from each hectare whereas it was 18 tonnes last year,” he added.

Md Idris Ali, a development officer of the Pabna DAE, said harvesting has progressed less than 10 per cent in the last few days.

“We will get the real picture on production levels after harvesting is complete,” he added.

Traders at major onion wholesale markets in the region say that each maund of the crop is now being sold for up to Tk 1,200 while it was Tk 1,400 last year.

In addition, the excessive transport cost reduces their profits, according to Md Robiul Islam, a local wholesale trader.

“If the onion price does not increase, not only farmers but also traders will see huge losses,” he added.

Md Saiful Islam, deputy director of the Pabna DAE, said the district plays a vital role in fulfilling onion demand across the country but not in controlling prices.

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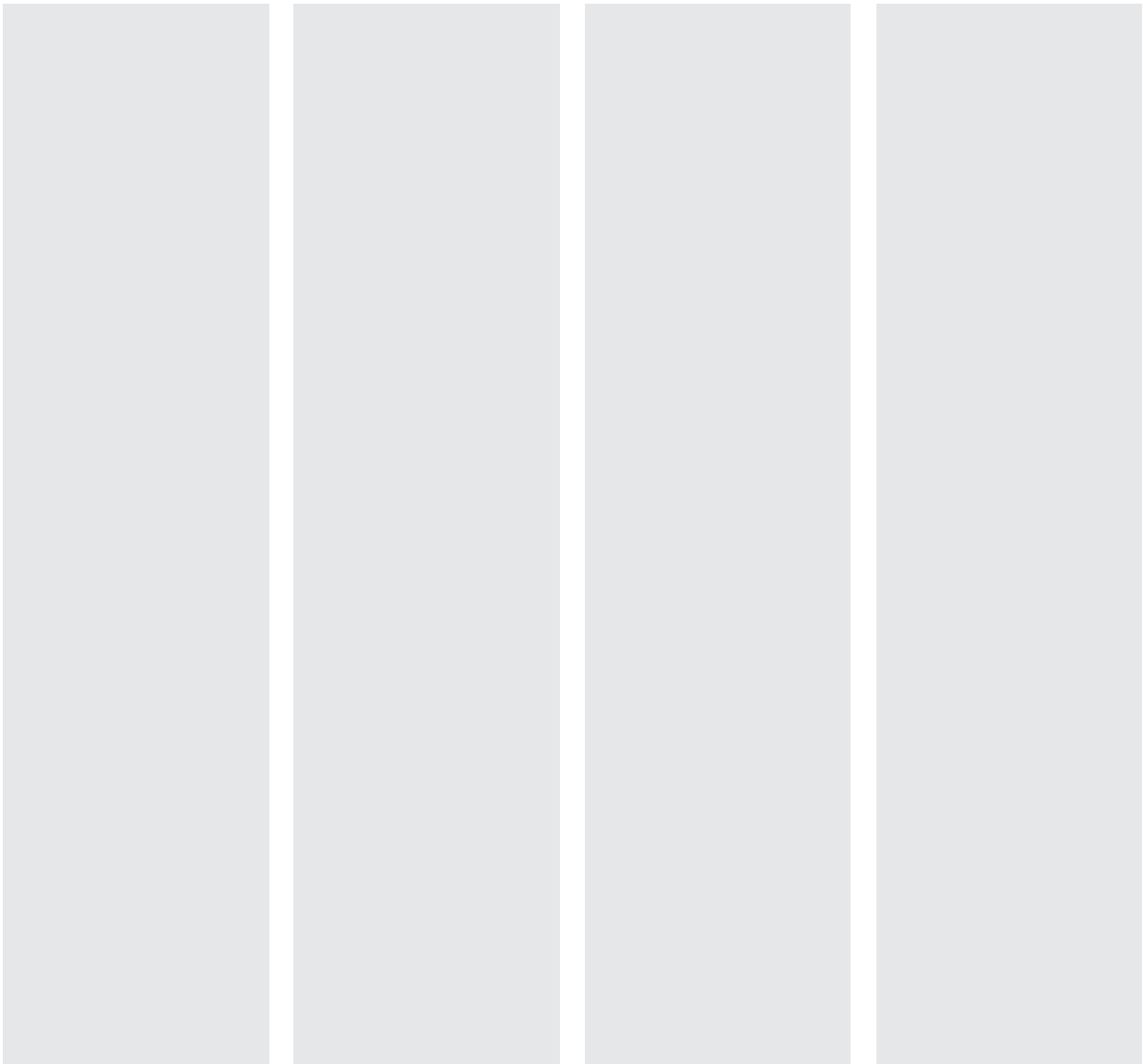
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৭. EOI খোলার স্থান	মহাব্যবস্থাপক (প্রশাসন) এর অফিস কক্ষ, বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন, বিএসসি ভবন, সন্টগোলা, চট্টগ্রাম।
৮. নির্ধারণের ধাপ (সামগ্রিক)	দিল্লিয়ার অনুযায়ী দুই ধাপ প্রক্রিয়া: ১ম ধাপ: আগ্রহ প্রকাশ (EOI) ২য় ধাপ: প্রস্তাবের অনুরোধ (RFP)
৯. যোগ্যতার মানদণ্ড (১ম ধাপ)	আর্থিক সক্ষমতা: ন্যূনতম নিট মূল্য বাংলাদেশি টাকায় ৫০(পঞ্চাশ) লক্ষ মাত্র; ০১-০৩-২০২৩খ্রি. তারিখে। কারিগরি সক্ষমতা: ০১। হোটেল পরিচালনার ক্ষেত্রে বাংলাদেশ হোটেল ও রেস্তোরা বিধিমালা ২০১৬ মোতাবেক কমপক্ষে বি শ্রেণির সদস্য থাকতে হবে। ০২। চট্টগ্রামে সিটি কর্পোরেশন এলাকায় কমপক্ষে একটি বাংলাদেশ হোটেল ও রেস্তোরা বিধিমালা ২০১৬ মোতাবেক কমপক্ষে বি শ্রেণির রেস্তোরা থাকতে হবে। ০৩। বি শ্রেণি রেস্তোরা/ক্যাফেটেরিয়া পরিচালনায় কমপক্ষে ০২ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
১০. EOI আবেদনের বিষয়বস্তু	01. Covering letter as per format at Exhibit 1 of Annexure 1 02. Details of Applicant as per format at Exhibit 2 of Annexure 1 03. Details of Financial capability of the applicant as per format at Exhibit 3 of Annexure 1 04. Details of technical capability of the Applicant as per format at Exhibit 4 of Annexure 1
১১. EOI আহবানকারীর নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও যোগাযোগের বিস্তারিত তথ্য।	মহাব্যবস্থাপক(প্রশাসন), বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন, বিএসসি ভবন, সন্টগোলা, চট্টগ্রাম। ফোন নং: ০২৩৩৩৩২৪৮৩২
১২. কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনরূপ কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল EOI গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে। EOI আহবানের তারিখ সরকার ঘোষিত কোন ছুটি থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যক্রমে উল্লিখ করা হবে।	
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